

for foreign language documents (*see* MPEP 609(III)(A(3))). Therefore, the Examiner is requested to consider the references submitted with Applicant's IDS filed December 4, 2002, and returned an initialed Form PTO-1449 accordingly.

Likewise, the Examiner is requested to consider the references submitted with Applicant's IDS filed April 15, 2003, and returned an initialed Form PTO-1449 accordingly.

The Examiner has rejects all of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over combinations of references all of which include U.S. Patent No. 6,218,242 B1 to Tseng.

Tseng has a U.S. filing date of September 13, 2000, whereas Applicant's invention has a foreign priority date of March 30, 2000 based on Japanese Application No. 2000-094325. The Examiner has already acknowledged Applicant's claim to foreign priority and receipt of the certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-094325 in the previous Office Action. Applicant submits herewith a verified English language translation of the priority document - Japanese Application No. 2000-094325, thereby "perfecting" the claim to foreign priority date of March 30, 2000.

Therefore, Tseng is not prior art to Applicant's claimed invention, and the Examiner's §103 rejections based on the combinations that includes Tseng should now be withdrawn.

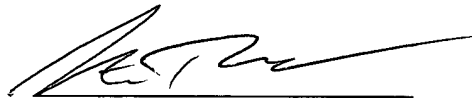
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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